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CLARKSBURG, W. VA., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1908.

Decisive Steps to Be Taken

By the Austro-Hungarian Government is the Announcement.

WHICH IS ISSUED

Unless the Servian Provocations Are Brought To An End.

VIENNA, Nov. 16.—A semi-official statement which was issued today says the Austro-Hungarian government will be compelled to take decisive steps, if Servian provocations do not cease.

SALESMEN ARE SENT TO JAIL

To Await Hearing on Charge of Swindling Farmer Out of Money.

Two itinerant salesmen, who gave their names as S. Goldman and P. Marcinoff, were arrested by Constable R. E. Kidd Monday afternoon and sent to jail by Magistrate George H. Gordon to await hearings on the charge of alleged swindling, and the theft of money.

The men were arrested on warrants issued at the instance of W. R. Corder, a farmer residing near Jarvisville, who alleges that the men came to his house representing themselves as suit makers and dealers in clothing and furnishings, with headquarters in Corder where they had several girls and men at work. They sold Corder \$25 worth of stuff and he paid them by check. After they had gone, Corder discovered that his wife had been shortchanged out of \$25 and he made an investigation.

Corder swore out two warrants against the men, who had told him their names were Peters and Johnson, one charging them with obtaining \$25 under false pretense and the other charging them with the larceny of \$25.

In the magistrate's court, one of the men admitted having given Mrs. Corder insufficient change, but declared it was a mistake and that he was willing to refund the money.

The justice committed both men to jail for a hearing Thursday.

BASEBALL ASSOCIATION STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET.

Officers of the Clarksburg Baseball Association are arranging for a meeting of the stockholders of that organization to be held within the next several days. Reports of the season will be submitted and plans discussed for next year. The time and place of the meeting will be announced in a day or so.

AIRSHIP UNREPORTED

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 16.—The racing balloon American Ship which ascended yesterday afternoon for an attempted long distance flight has been unreported since eleven last night, when it was sighted a short distance southwest of the city flying near the ground.

MOST IMPOSING

Is the Pontifical Mass Celebrated by the Pope in St. Peter's.

ROME, Nov. 16.—Pontifical mass was celebrated this morning in St. Peter's by the Pope on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his joining the priesthood. It was the most imposing ceremony witnessed in Rome since the coronation of the Pontiff.

DAUGHTER COMES AND TAKES CHARGE OF BODY

Mrs. M. A. Spaur, of Massillon, O., arrived in the city Sunday night to take charge of the body of her father, L. L. Spaur, of Roanoke, this state, who died in a local hospital Saturday afternoon following a surgical operation. The body will be taken to Mr. Spaur's former home for burial. The dead man was 50 years old. He came to the local hospital several days ago to receive treatment.

Camden Sommers went to Charleston Monday to remain for several days on a business visit.

BISHOP DONAHUE

Make Address in Chicago on Sunday at Big Banquet of Congress.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 16.—Bishop P. J. Donahue, of Wheeling, spoke at a banquet given in honor of Sir Charles H. Fitzpatrick, who is in Chicago in connection with the Catholic Missionary congress. The bishop will return home this week.

DIES FROM INJURIES

Stephen Hess died Sunday in Fairmont from injuries received by a street car Tuesday on last week.

PUBLIC SURPRISED

In Turin at the Elkins Statement and the Duke Will Not Be Interviewed.

TURIN, Nov. 16.—The announcement of Senator Elkins in which he stated that no engagement exists between his daughter and the Duke de Abruzzi was received here by the public with surprise. All attempts to interview the Duke on the subject failed.

MCGRAW TO ADDRESS ELKS.

GRAFTON, Nov. 16.—Memorial day will be fittingly observed by the Grafton lodge of Elks. The memorial address will be delivered by Hon. John T. McGraw.

MRS. GOFF'S WILL

Is Probated and the Executors Give Bond to the Amount of \$100,000.

The will of the late Mrs. Mary R. Goff was probated Monday. It was drawn March 4, 1906. J. Carl Vance, Lynn S. Hornor and J. Hornor Davis qualified as executors, giving bond of \$100,000.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sheridan nee Minnick is given \$10,000. Mrs. Susan Haymond and J. Carl Vance the house and lot at 404-406 Pike street, not to dispose of for twenty-one years and rooms to be given to Mrs. Myra Atkinson, Earl Vance, Dr. Luther Haymond, Mary Hornor and Amelia Vance until married. Mrs. Susan Haymond is given \$5,000. Mrs. Myra Atkinson 5,000. E. R. Davis \$2,000. J. Hornor Davis \$2,000. Lynn S. Hornor \$5,000. Miss Julia Hopkins \$1,000. Thomas Campbell, colored, \$100. Mrs. Mary H. Jarvis \$2,000. Mrs. Ida Rapp \$3,000. C. Carl Vance \$2,000. Mrs. Clara Vance \$5,000. Amelia Vance \$6,000. Mary V. Hornor \$6,000. Florence E. Hornor \$4,000. George W. Atkinson \$1,000. John C. Vance \$1,000. Vance L. Hornor \$31,000. J. Hood Hornor \$1,000. Luther Haymond \$3,000. John O. Pendleton \$2,000. and Lizzie Stansberry, colored, \$500. The residue of the estate is given to J. Carl Vance and Lynn S. Hornor.

HEARING OF THE DEBT SUIT ON

West Virginia Not Ready With Evidence But the Case Proceeds.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 16.—When Special Master Littlefield, of the Supreme Court of the United States, opened the hearing of the Virginia-West Virginia debt case in the corporation commission court room today it developed that West Virginia was not ready with her evidence. The case nevertheless proceeded. Virginia will introduce no witnesses but will depend upon records, which embrace a trunk full of written testimony and the examination of this was commenced.

YOUNG WIFE DIES

Mrs. Scott Riley, Jr., Passes Away, Leaving Baby a Few Days Old.

Mrs. Scott Riley, Jr., of Alta Vista, died Sunday night at 10:25 o'clock of Bright's disease and heart trouble. Besides her husband, she leaves a little boy, four days old. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. Riley's father, M. S. Riley, on Monticello avenue. The Rev. J. E. Bird, pastor of Goff M. E. church, will lead the services.

Mrs. Riley was 22 years old. She was formerly Miss Iris Meyer, a daughter of Steven Meyer, of Tennille.

Special Session By Taft

Is to Be Called Soon After He is Inaugurated in March.

GOING TO GEORGIA

In a Day or So From His Home City to Spend Winter Months.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—That a special session of the sixty-first congress will be called soon after the fourth of March to take up the matter of tariff revision, became known positively when William H. Taft, President-elect, after spending Sunday at the White House as the guest of President Roosevelt, stated that he intended to call the special session to meet soon after his inauguration.

Judge Taft left at 7:05 o'clock last night for Cincinnati, O., where he had been summoned on matters of family importance, but which Judge Taft assured the newspapers who had gathered at the White House were in no manner connected with politics.

The day proved to be a busy one for the President-elect. He spent the night at the White House as the President's guest and breakfasted with the family. During the early forenoon, the President and the President-elect, discussed matters of importance to the President and the incoming administration.

Judge Taft attended services at All Souls' church, his usual place of worship in Washington. President Roosevelt went to the Dutch Reformed church, as is his custom.

Following the various conferences of the day, Judge Taft talked freely about his plans for the immediate future. After spending two or three days in Cincinnati, he said he would again join Mrs. Taft at Hot Springs. On December 7, he will be in Washington on his way to New York, where he will attend a meeting of the North Carolina Society in that city. He will return to Washington for the meeting of the American Red Cross Society, of which he is president. While here, he and Mrs. Taft will be the guests of Miss Mabel Boardman, who has been active for several years in behalf of the society. This visit to Washington will be limited to three or four days after which the President-elect and Mrs. Taft will be the guests of H. W. Taft and family in New York. They will leave for Augusta, Ga., on the evening of December 16, or the morning of December 17, where they will seek rest for a month and a half. Further than that no definite plans have been made.

KILLED A DEER

Nice Animal Shot by Men Who Go to Look After Hampshire Orchard.

J. T. Boggess has just returned from Hampshire county whither he went with a party of men, mostly of Fairmont, who are interested in the Hampshire Orchard Company which has a fine peach and apple orchard of about 700 acres there. They went for the purpose of looking after the preparation and shipment of this year's crop from the orchard and while there they all went on a hunting trip on which two of the party, Allen Russell and James Watson, of Fairmont, killed a deer. The animal weighed 125 pounds. All the party are now preparing for a venison feast at their respective homes. Those comprising the party were Allen Russell, James Watson, Marshall Ashcraft, Robert Pew, and Robert Cunningham, of Fairmont; Web Ferguson, of Berryburg; and Mr. Boggess. Mr. Boggess says the orchard gives prospects of a paying venture.

ANSWERS LAST ROLL CALL

TERRA ALTA, Nov. 16.—The body of Hazeliah Low, who served in the Sixth West Virginia regiment of the Union army and who was commander of the Grand Army post at Terra Alta for several terms, was interred in Terra Alta cemetery. Mr. Low died at Hampton Roads, Va.

ALL VACCINATED

Twenty-nine Italians under quarantine at Lumpertor have been vaccinated and six guards are on duty day and night. But one case of smallpox has developed thus far and the alarm has subsided.

MAJ. T. M. Smith, of West Milford, was in the city today. Gordon B. Late was here last night from Bridgeport.

WHITE TO RETIRE

At An Early Date From Office of State Tax Commissioner.

CHARLESTON, Nov. 16.—It is reported here on good authority that Albert B. White will shortly retire from the office of State Tax Commissioner. The position will be filled temporarily by T. E. Townsend, at present chief clerk and attorney to the tax commissioner. It is not known who will be appointed permanently to the position, or whether the final selection will be left to Governor Glascock.

AGED MAN BURIED

Funeral of Valentine Knight Takes Place With Interment at Mt. Clare.

The funeral of Valentine Knight, aged 83 years, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jarrett Bussey, at Point Comfort Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock of kidney trouble complicated with other diseases incident to old age, was held Monday forenoon. Services were held at the daughter's home at 11 o'clock and the body was taken to Mount Clare and buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery there.

Mr. Knight formerly resided at Mount Clare but recently left his dwelling house there by fire since which time he made his home with his daughter. The following children survive: Mrs. Jarrett Bussey, of Point Comfort; Mrs. Matheny, and an unmarried daughter, and Lloyd Knight of Mount Clare; J. R. Knight, of Oxford; and J. M. Knight, of Marlinton.

MRS. STRICKLER DIES SUDDENLY

Wife of Shinnston Doctor is Summoned Without Slightest Warning.

SHINNSTON, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Pleasant Minor Strickler, wife of Dr. Ernest Strickler, died very suddenly yesterday morning at her home on Main street. She had eaten her breakfast and done up the usual housework for the morning and seemed to be in as good health as when her husband went into an adjoining room a few minutes later to find her lying dead upon the floor.

Mrs. Strickler was the daughter of Robert and Harriet Myers Minor, and was born near Bridgeport, this county, October 14, 1844. After the death of her husband, she made her home with her sister, Mrs. Henry R. McCord, near Meadowbrook, until June 23, 1892, when she was married to Dr. Strickler, since which time she has resided in Shinnston. Besides her husband and sister above named, she survived by two brothers, Alphonse Minor, now with his niece, Mrs. Charles Hood, at Big Elm, and Jefferson Minor, of Florida.

Funeral services were held at the residence at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by the Rev. A. M. Hammond, of the Methodist Episcopal church.

BURGLARY

Takes Place at the Emerick Home in the Village of Haywood.

The home of E. S. Emerick at Haywood was visited by burglars Sunday night, while he and his family were at church. Entrance was through a door opening to the rear door. The thieves took \$500, belonging to Mr. Emerick, 77, his wife had as finance keeper of the Maccahees and \$3.50 belonging to a little son. There is no clue. It is believed persons familiar with the home are the burglars.

MAY BE MURDER.

BLUEFIELD, Nov. 16.—Arthur Green, tipple boss for the Crozier Coal company, was shot and fatally wounded by Charles Wallace, aged 19, a railroad section hand. They had some trouble over tools and Wallace drew a revolver and fired. Green was rushed to the Welch hospital, where he was operated upon, but the bullet was not recovered. Wallace made his escape, but detectives are on his trail and his arrest is imminent.

CHILD DIES ON TRAIN

MARTINSBURG, Nov. 16.—When Mr. and Mrs. Zuccaro, an Italian couple enroute from Chicago to New York to take a steamer for their home land alighted from a train here they found their infant had died between here and Cumberland. The body was interred in the Catholic cemetery here.

Elkins Makes a Denial

In a Dictated Interview He Says There is No Engagement.

SORRY FOR THE DUKE

And Latter's Family Owing to the Annoyance Caused by Gossip.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Senator Stephen B. Elkins last night made the emphatic announcement that no engagement exists between his daughter, Miss Katherine Elkins, and the Duke de Abruzzi, of the Italian navy.

The statement was made with the knowledge and consent of Miss Elkins, who desired that the statement should be given to the public, which has manifested so great an interest in the matter.

Senator Elkins dictated the following statement: "I do not care to say anything further than that my daughter and the Duke de Abruzzi are not engaged to be married and that I regret exceedingly the annoyance that must have come to the Duke and his family by reason of the almost daily discussion of the matter in the press and the constant publication of rumors for so long a time—rumors which I venture to hope will now cease."

While the senator made it clear that Miss Elkins and the Duke de Abruzzi are not engaged, he did not claim for the duke the highest regard as was evidenced by the reply which he made to an inquiry as to how well he was acquainted with the duke.

"Not very well," he responded, frankly, "but from what I know and have heard of him I regard him as only as distinguished personality, by reason of his birth and position, but added to this he is an able man of the highest character, a well known explorer and scientist—one who has done things, and accomplished much besides being an efficient officer of high rank in the navy of his country."

Senator Elkins dictated the foregoing statements very carefully and revised them after they were written. He was earnest in his expression of the hope that his statements would be accepted by the public in the spirit in which they were made. He has felt a delicacy in discussing the matter at all, but believed that the time had arrived in all the circumstances to make an announcement of the facts. Mrs. Elkins and Miss Katherine Elkins are yet at their West Virginia home, but they expect in the near future to join the senator in Washington.

JOYCE QUITS

As Acting Police Chief, Disgusted With Administration's Management.

Michael Joyce is no longer acting chief of police on his turn, having thrown up the position as such. He became disgusted Sunday with the system instituted by the mayor and chief of police of turning prisoners loose without trial or excuses and resigned. When Mr. Joyce reported at police headquarters Sunday he found that the doors of the city lock-up had been thrown open by order of Mayor Wood and all the prisoners released and Joyce very properly concluded that he would not be used as a figurehead by the administration. Mayor Wood received and accepted Joyce's resignation and appointed James Sims to serve as acting chief of police on that shift until Chief of Police Stealey comes back from an extended hunting trip in the mountains.

BIG SALE

Of Timber Lands in This State is Consummated by Hutton.

ELKINS, Nov. 16.—Col. Elihu Hutton, of Huttonville, this state; John C. Arbergat, of Ashville, N. C., and Wirt C. Ward have just concluded a sale here of a 35,000 acre timber tract in Sayne county, N. C., to William Whitmore and Sons, of Philadelphia, large lumber operators in Tucker and Randolph counties, this state. The price was \$600,000.

NEW COAL COMPANY.

The Marion Gas Coal Company of Enterprise, has been chartered. The capital is \$150,000 with \$50 paid. The incorporators are Alex Coulter, H. C. Bucket, H. W. Coulter, J. R. Elisman and W. A. Coulter, all of Greensburg, Pa.

J. T. Pratt, of Weston, spent Sunday in the city. W. Woodard is here from Fairmont.

BIG FIRE

At Cairo Destroys an Ice Factory and a Packing House.

CAIRO, Ill., Nov. 16.—Fire destroyed the Winter Brothers' ice factory, and the packing house of the Nelson-Morris Company, and partially burned the wholesale produce house of Cotter Brothers today. The loss is \$150,000.

HENEY WILL RECOVER

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—Henehy passed a very restful night feeling well this morning. The prospect for his recovery is most encouraging.

BISHOP MOORE

Is Coming to Goff Methodist Church to Lecture Next Thursday Night.

Preparations are being made by the congregation of Goff Methodist Episcopal church for the lecture of Bishop David H. Moore the coming Thursday night. As previously announced Bishop Moore will talk about the battle of the Russo-Japanese war. The Daily Free Press of Burlington, Vt., says of Bishop Moore's lecture: "Bishop Moore possesses not only the rare gifts as orator, but has an exceptional equipment to speak upon the subject from the fact that he was an eye witness to the bloody conflict."

COURT TURNS PATRICK DOWN

United States Supreme Court Refuses the Petition of Sentenced Lawyer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—The petition of Albert T. Patrick, New York lawyer, serving a life sentence on the charge of having murdered Millionaire Rice, for a writ of habeas corpus was decided today by the Supreme Court of the United States adversely to the petitioner. Patrick charged that the case against him was a conspiracy and urged that in commuting the sentence of death which the court had imposed on him to one of life imprisonment, Governor Higgins resorted to a more cruel method of punishment. He asked to be released from prison on the theory that the whole proceeding was unconstitutional and invalid.

WAGE INCREASE

Is Soon to Be Granted by the Baltimore & Ohio to Its Employees.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad company may be the first of the larger railroad systems in the country to restore salaries to the basis current previous to the slump in business.

President Murray has been talking the matter over with the heads of departments with a view of ascertaining their views, especially with reference to a justification for such a step at this time.

The amount in the increase would not be large in the aggregate, but would effect a large number of employees on the system. When the depression in business began to seriously affect the revenues of the company the management decided that heroic measures would have to be resorted to, and for a long time the higher officials debated among themselves whether it would be better to reduce the number of men in the service or make a horizontal reduction in salaries. The latter course was decided upon.

According to the story current it was proposed that the restoration should go into effect a day or two ago, but at the general offices of the Baltimore & Ohio denial was made that any date had as yet been fixed.

JAILED FOR BROTHER'S DEATH

TERRA ALTA, Nov. 16.—Joseph Mattingly, of Craneyville, who killed his brother during a quarrel several weeks ago, has been lodged in jail at Kingwood, having recovered sufficiently from the knife wound in the abdomen, inflicted by his brother, whom he later shot to permit his removal to jail. He is still very weak.

STATE SATISFIED WITH TARIFF SAYS ELKINS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Senator Stephen B. Elkins said today that West Virginia is satisfied with the existing tariff rates on steel, coal and lumber. The interests of these products will make a stubborn fight against any reduction of the tariff.

Jacob W. Gerrard, of Wilsonburg, spent Monday in the city. Justice John T. Flynn was here Monday from Wilsonburg.

Country Life Is A Topic

President of the United States Writes About in Letter Made Public

TO THE COMMISSION

And He Makes Some Wholesome Suggestions to That Organization.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Thorough co-operation of farmers and professional interests connected with them, throughout the United States in the work of the country life commission is urged and the appointment of two additional members of the commission, Charles S. Barrett, of Union City, Ga., and William A. Beard, of Sacramento, Cal., is announced, in a letter of President Roosevelt to Chairman Bailey of the commission.

The letter and the reply of Mr. Bailey welcoming the President's suggestions were made public today. The President's letter follows dated Nov. 9:

"My Dear Professor Bailey: I wish at the outset cordially to thank you for the way in which you have taken hold of the work you are doing. No more valuable work for the people of this country can be done, because no more valuable work for the farmers of this country can be done.

"Now, of course, the whole success of the work depends upon the attitude of the people in the open country of the farming people of the United States. If they feel an awakening interest in what you are doing, they should manifest it. However, it is essential that the farmers, the men who actually live on the soil should feel a sense of ownership in this commission. Should feel that you gentlemen in very truth represent them and are responsive to their desires and wishes, no less than to their needs. It seems to me therefore that it would be wise to try to get into the closest possible touch with the farmers of the country and to find out from them, so far as you are able, just what they regard as being the subjects with which it is most important that you should deal. This you are already doing by sending out a circular of questions and by holding meetings in different parts of the United States. But perhaps something more can be done.

"I accordingly suggest that you ask the farmers of school districts of the country so that they may meet and consider these matters. I suggest the school districts because the schoolhouse would be the natural and proper place for such a meeting; or they could meet at other customary or convenient places. It would be well if the meetings could be held within the next three or four weeks; that is, before congress adjourns prior to the Christmas holidays, so that at the time of the re-assembling of congress early in January you will have the reports of the meetings and so will be in position to advise definitely what should be done. I suggest that you ask them to meet not later than Saturday, Dec. 5; and you will of course use your own judgment whether to summon the meeting by circular or otherwise.

"Throughout this letter where I use the word 'farmers' I mean also to include all those who live in the open country and are intimately connected with those who do the farm work—ministers, school teachers, physicians, editors of country papers, life work, all men and women whose life work is done either on the farm or in connection with the life work of those who are on the farm.

"You know better than I what topics you will suggest. How would it do to include such topics as: 'The efficiency of the rural school'; 'Farmers' organizations'; 'The Question of Farm Labor'; 'The need of good roads'; 'Improved postal facilities'; 'Sanitary conditions on the farm'?

"Your purpose is neither to investigate the farmer, nor to inquire into technical methods of farming. You are simply trying to ascertain what are the general economic, social, educational, and sanitary conditions of the open country, and what, if anything, the farmers themselves can do to help themselves, and how the government can help them. To this end your special desire is to get in touch with and represent the farmers themselves. The commission now consists of five members. I shall ask two more gentlemen to serve up it, so that the full membership will be as follows: "Prof. L. H. Bailey, New York State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, N. Y., chairman; Henry Wallace, Wallace's farmer, Des Moines, Ia.; Kenyon L. Butterfield, president Massachusetts Agricultural college, Amherst.

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